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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 5273-96

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Akira Suzuki et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1711  
Application No.: 10/526,503 ) Examiner: Saira B. Raza  
Filed: March 4, 2005 )  
For: Process for the Production of ) Confirmation No.: 9248  
Microspheres and Unit Therefor )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE**

In response to the restriction requirement of December 30, 2005, applicants elect Group I and claims 1-21 for further prosecution in this application with traverse.

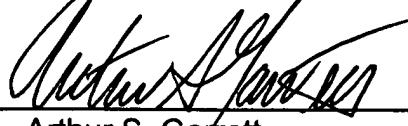
Since claims 22 and 23 are dependent from claim 1, it is believed they can be rejoined once the elected claims are allowable under the practice of M.P.E.P. §809.04.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 30, 2006

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